



“And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.” — Luke 2:10-11, 13-14

I love the excitement that builds during the Christmas season. Not because of trees and lights, or even gifts, but because we are able to celebrate the greatest gift ever given – the birth of Jesus Christ. What makes it even more special is that we can celebrate as a “multitude,” because as believers, we have unity in Christ and are able to express our joy and thanksgiving in such a spirited and uplifting way. The closest thing that comes to my mind of how I would like to express my joy during this time of year would be to have a world-wide choir of believers singing the Hallelujah Chorus in full voice. I can only imagine the power and testimony in song if millions of voices were joined together as one.

Every year we decorate the campus with biblical vignettes about the birth of Christ, as well as with Christmas lights and other decorations. This year we anticipate nearly seventy people coming together to decorate the campus. The families are excited to take part in decorating their own houses, and to be a part of decorating essentially a small village – something they are not normally able to do.

God has blessed us this year with families who not only appreciate the houses and ministry here at Siloam, but also give back to the ministry with their time and words of encouragement. We as a staff have been uplifted over and over this year by the expressions of joy shared by the missionary families.

We would like to express our gratitude for the following highlights from this year:

- Completion and dedication of the 30th Anniversary House, which is now occupied by a grateful family.
- Successful Farm Day event, kicking off a new annual partnership with a work team from the Washington D. C. area.
- Summer and fall work teams that have assisted with building doors for the pole barn, trimming bushes and general outdoor grounds work, demolition and salvage work at the farm at Watson’s Place, and many other small projects needing attention around the property.
- Our regular volunteers that keep the Country Store, Chapel, and Treasure Chest clean and organized, as well as those that regularly assisted in mowing the property.
- Our faithful staff that continues to provide a place for missionaries to refresh and renew, often doing so in creative ways so as to be the best stewards of what God has given.

As you make your plans for Christmas gatherings and family events, please keep in mind this one thing – when the little baby Jesus came into this world He brought with Him a joy that cannot be matched by any earthly pursuit. Let us gather together in unity of faith and magnify Him throughout the Christmas season. We have so much to be thankful for and have an obligation to proclaim our thanks to the glory of the Lord for all to hear.

Praying you will have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

Michael J. Gay

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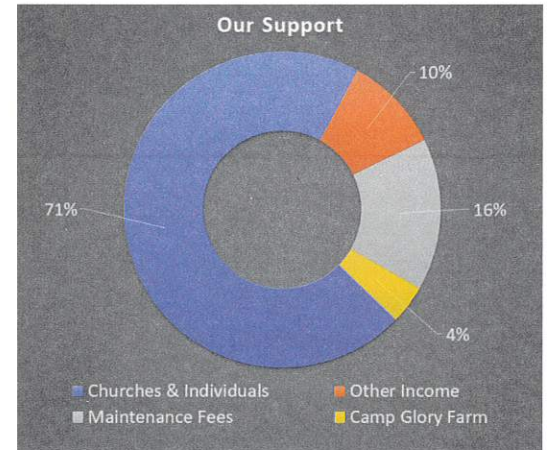


Prayerfully Consider

We do not often make direct appeals for financial support in our communications. We try to focus on sharing with you what God has done for our ministry and for the families we serve. But Scripture is clear that sharing our needs with other believers is not only encouraged, but expected. Doing so allows us to give greater glory to God when He answers our prayers.

While Siloam Missionary Homes does charge each missionary family a monthly maintenance fee for their homes, the majority of our support comes from churches and individuals. As you can see, the maintenance fee only covers 16% of our annual costs as we purposefully try to keep the fees as low as possible to provide the greatest benefit for the families.

As many of you know the last few years have been difficult for everyone due to COVID, work and school lockdowns, and now high inflation, which affects all our everyday necessities, from food to gas. We face the same pressures, and more. We are fully confident that God will continue to meet all our needs but wanted to share our current need with you for your prayers and your financial consideration.



We do our absolute best to be good stewards of every dollar and every item that is sent our way. We recycle building materials; make regular trips to sell scrap metal for recycling. And we repair every item that can be reasonably repaired before replacing it with new. But some costs are outside of our direct control. One example is propane for our campus. We negotiate a monthly plan with our local gas company that guarantees us a certain rate for the year and spreads our costs out over twelve months to avoid large gas bills during the heavy use periods. Our new contract resulted in a nearly 75% increase each month – and with several water heaters, dryers, and heating units on propane, it is not a cost that can easily be cut, as the usage is a necessity.

We have also expanded the size of our ministry over the last several years and now own and care for nearly forty-four acres of land and several houses and buildings. We currently need to hire a new staff member – one who will live in town but work on the property. We currently do not have the monthly support to be able to make that hire but it is a tremendous need for the ongoing maintenance of the property and the physical health of the existing staff.

So what does all this mean? We are asking you to pray that God would provide an additional \$5,000 a month in support through either one-time gifts or monthly pledged support. This will allow us to meet the increases that we know are coming and do so without raising costs for the missionary families.

Would you consider becoming a new ministry partner with Siloam? Or if you already partner with our ministry financially, would you consider increasing your support? Even \$5 to \$10 a month makes a big difference for the ministry.

Join with us as we pray to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. He has provided for Siloam Missionary Homes for thirty years and we know that He will continue to provide in His way and in His time.

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